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On 2/26/2015 11:49 PM, George Hallenbeck wrote:  
 Remarks Prepared for Public Hearing-Friday, February 27, 2015  
 In support of SB-699  
 An Act establishing a Minimum Age for Towing any Person  
 By vessel and requiring the completion of a Safe Towing  
 course prior to Engaging in such towing by vessel

My name is George Hallenbeck, I live at 22 Van Rensselaer Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut  
 As a member of the United States Power Squadron (for over 50 years)  
 I have served at the local Squadron (teaching basic boating for 34 years), District (Past District Education Officer) and currently National level.  
 Currently I am teaching 4th & 5th graders in our public schools.  
 I serve as a member of the Connecticut Boating Advisory Council (CBAC an arm of the DEEP)  
 as well as leading cruises for local yacht clubs.

A few years ago the CBAC recognized the need for additional education beyond the basic standards.  
 With the help of the DEEP we created the Coastal Boater Endorsement which recognizes  
 the needs of the Coastal boater as opposed to the inland boater. It has proven a popular  
 endorsement among those who take multiple day courses.

Much of what has been proposed in Emily's Law is available in the extended course.  
 The framework already exists for enhancing an educational program that is in place  
 -that if this law is enacted, as it should be, the tools are here to make its implementation  
 a fairly straight forward thing for DEEP to undertake.  
 Each year Connecticut supplies a supplement of what needs to be taught, and a test is given in addition  
 to the basic exam.  
 Added consideration could be placed on towing, spinning propellers, loading and retrieval.

I encourage you to consider graduated steps with the effect of this law going forward in future classes.

Questions?



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I have shared some files with  
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 view and download them.  
 Attached is a copy of the  
 testimony to be presented at the  
 Public Hearing on Friday,  
 February 27, 2015 - concerning  
 SB-699 (Towing and Towing  
 Course)

Thank you for processing this  
 and adding it to the file of Public  
 Hearing Testimony for the bill.  
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